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Title: METHOD FOR SCREENING AND/OR IDENTIFYING FACTORS THAT BIND TO NUCLEIC ACIDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please find enclosed substitute pages 22 and 23 depicting Tables 1 and 2. Please replace pages 22 and 23 submitted with the application papers on 14 December 2001, with the enclosed pages.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to introduce substitute pages 22 and 23 depicting Tables 1 and 2 in which the sequence listing is shown.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Marked-up Copy".
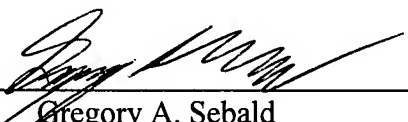
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

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